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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. 26.2.A41/USA

In re Application of:

Jackie R. Gust et al.

Serial No. 09/142,392

Filed June 8, 1998

For ELECTRIC DRIVE RIDING
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RESUBMISSION OF PREVIOUSLY FILED
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO ENSURE CONSIDERATION BY PTO

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

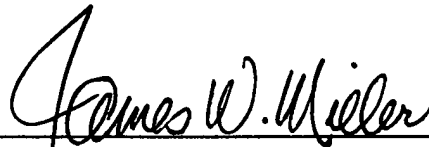
On January 10, 2000, a Request for Extension of Time was filed in the above-identified patent application to extend the period for response for three (3) months to allow a continuation application that was being filed the same day to have copendency. A copy of this previously filed Request for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

Also enclosed herewith is a stamped receipt card indicating that the above-identified Request for Extension of Time was, in fact, received in the Patent and Trademark Office and accorded a filing date of January 10, 2000 due to the Express Mailing of the document. However, the Receipt Card also indicates that these papers were apparently thought to comprise a part of a new application since a new

Serial Number 09/480,044 also appears on the Receipt Card. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY WRONG AS THE RECEIPT CARD ITSELF CLEARLY INDICATES THE NATURE OF THE DOCUMENT AND COMPLETELY IDENTIFIES THE APPLICATION TO WHICH IT RELATES, NAMELY THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION.

As noted above, the enclosed Receipt Card indicates some confusion by the PTO about the application to which the above-noted Request for Extension of Time relates since a new application Serial Number is stamped on the receipt card. In view of this confusion, it is possible that the previously submitted Request for Extension of Time will not be properly processed and the requested three month extension of time will not be charged to the assignee's Deposit Account. To avoid this result and to ensure that the Request for Extension of Time is properly processed and charged, the previously filed Request for Extension of Time is being resubmitted herewith along with an explanation of the facts concerning the enclosed Receipt Card.

Respectfully submitted,



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